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MISSOULA.....

A strong showing by the University of Montana Nordic cross country team enabled the Grizzlies to post a 45-33 victory over Montana State in a combined dual meet at Bridger Bowl near Bozeman Friday and Saturday.

The cross country team made up of Brent Turner, Bob Leach and Tom Dougherty concluded the 15-kilometer course in 1:03.25 minutes. Montana State completed the course in 1:07.2.

Despite a 12-9 MSU triumph in the giant slalom, the relay team kept UM ahead by grabbing 12 points to MSU's six.

Montana State's Dan Brelsford won the slalom race in 83.67. He also captured Friday's race in 76.30 seconds. UM's Eric Kress was second at 85.52. UM's Dave Dittman was fourth and Ron Matelich took sixth.

Grizzly coach Tim Ameel praised all members of the squad saying, "Our people did a super job. The nordic team really gave us a boost when we needed it and our alpiners are improving with every outing."

Montana will host a triangular meet against Montana State and the University of Idaho in its next competition Jan. 28-29 at Snow Bowl.

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